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JUST A WORD

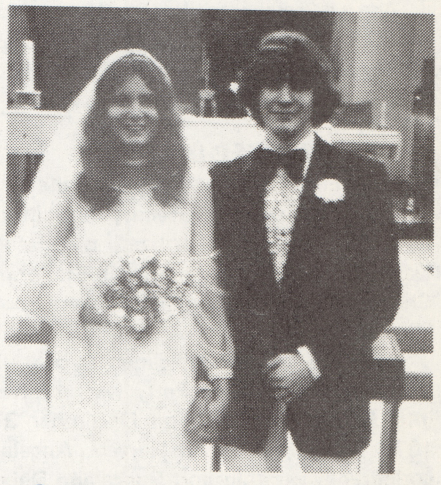
By Father King

As I celebrated Mass this Wednesday morning, I was distracted by the occasional sound of falling pine needles hitting the aluminum foil which decorate the pots of our beautiful poinsettias. I guess that sound to be the quiet toll announcing the end of a significant season which concludes this Sunday with the Feast of Epiphany, the feast of Christ's manifestation to all nations in the persons of the Three Kings. Let us pray He will continue to be manifest in our community throughout this coming year.

We were happy to receive several notes, letters and visits from former parishioners during the Christmas season, as they recalled the wonderful spirit of St. John's. It's always nice to be remembered.

If one experience is grounds for judgment, I don't think we'll attempt a Midnight New Year's Eve Mass again. I am sure more people stood in the aisles during the Christmas Midnight Mass than were seated in the Church on New Year's Eve. In fact the congregation was of such a size, that we were all able to gather about the altar quite comfortably for the Eucharist.

The experience of last weekend and of this weekend points once again to the necessity of filling the role of lay distributors of the Eucharist. It is not always possible for both priests to be present for a given Mass, as is the case again this weekend as Father King, Vicar of Washtenaw County, installs the new pastor of Chelsea, Fr. Dupuis. Hopefully in February, a formal installation ceremony will be held for the lay distributors. At present we have eleven names of parishioners who have either volunteered or have been suggested for this role by other parishioners through the balloting conducted over one year ago. A program of training will be conducted soon with the installation hopefully by the end of next month.



On Saturday afternoon, Mark Rudolph and Sheila Dickinson exchanged their life - vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. John Keifer, O.P. of Siena Heights College in Adrian where Mark is a student. David Kubiske of Ypsilanti and Sandra Ratliff of Pasintsville, Kentucky were main attendants.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Rudolph; the bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dickinson.

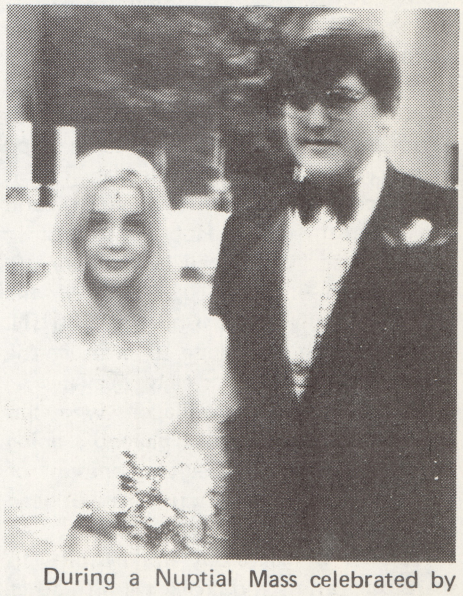
PARISH NUPTIALS

On Saturday evening, December 16, Daniel J. Ely and Diane M. Hinz celebrated their life - vows of marriage in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Oxford, Michigan. The Rev. Hubert May of Holy Cross Church and Fr. David Harvey of this parish witnessed the exchange of vows along with their families and friends. Main attendants were Warren Althoff of Toledo, Ohio and Kathleen Ranville of Oxford.

Dan, a graduate of St. John's, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William C. Ely, of 706 Collegewood and long - time member of this parish.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Hinz of Oxford.

Our prayerful hopes and kind wishes are extended to Dan and Diane and to their families.



During a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday evening, December 23, Robert Swope and Carolyn Kuspa celebrated their vows of marriage.

Timothy J. Swope of Ypsilanti and Margaret E. Carroll of Bronson served Rob and Carolyn as main attendants. Patricia Majtyka of Virginia was the commentator and lector of the Mass which Marie Stachlewitz accompanied and Sr. Mary was soloist and song leader.

Rob is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Swope, Sr. of 6807 Textile Road. Carolyn is the daughter of Mrs. Anthony Kuspa and the late Mr. Kuspa.

As we celebrate Love's Incarnation this Christmas Season, we pray that these newlyweds may incarnate the power of that same love in their married lives.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

On December 24, 1972, Michelle Ann Stripp, daughter of Gregory and Mona Dillon Stripp, was baptized by Father David Harvey in a ceremony in St. John's Church. Michelle's godparents were Scott Hines and Betsy Stripp.

Angela Sue Tackett, daughter of J. D. and Linda Buska Tackett, was received into St. John's Parish on December 31, 1972 by Father David Harvey. Angela's godparents were Joseph Buska and Debra Ann Buska.

Welcome Michelle and Angela.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Ypsilanti believes that in the pressure of today's society, it is important for us as human beings to find each other in small informal groups, there to discover a new style of study centered in Scripture, and to relate faith to everyday life. Consequently, we are forming a "Well" which is a group of women from the various churches who voluntarily make a covenant with each other to listen and discuss problems, study passages of Scriptures together and seek to see God in everyday life and experiences. This is reminiscent of the Samaritan woman and the Jew at the Well in Holy Scriptures.

Our first "Well" will be January 10, 1973, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the United Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Washington St. We hope to meet at the same time and place for eight weeks.

Mrs. William Cadwallader, who has lived 18 years in Thailand doing missionary work, has a vast amount of knowledge to share with us. She will head our first "Well."

This is a marvelous opportunity to share our beliefs and problems with other women of Ypsilanti.

Will you women of St. John's please join us.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 8, 1973
8:00 p.m.
Education Center Library

(All parishioners are invited to attend).

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by President Nau and Opening Prayer
2. Approval of December's minutes
3. Commission Reports
-- Worship Commission
-- Service Commission
-- Education Commission
-- Administration Commission
4. New Business
--- Report and/or action concerning church kneelers -- req. by Worship Commission through Utilization Committee
-- Plans for in - service training for teachers -- Education Com.
-- Parents Day -- Education
-- Progress Report on Community Church Concept
-- Request for preliminary budget figures -- Administration
-- Discussion of need for additional monies -- Fund Raising -- Bingo -- Administration
5. Old Business
-- Status of sale of High School and Property
-- Parish involvement in Coalition Meetings
6. Open Discussion
7. Adjournment

EDUCATION NOOK

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no religious education classes for the children and youth of the parish during the month of January. Teachers will be preparing for classes to begin again in February.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, January 7
9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Coffee Hours continue
9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm 5, Parish Center

MONDAY, January 8
7:00 PM - Boy Scouts, Church Hall
8:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting, Center Library

TUESDAY, January 9
12:30 PM - Meet on parking lot for Ypsi State Hospital Workers
1:00 PM - Project Transition meets in Center Lunchroom
7:00 PM - Teen Center Activities
7:30 PM - Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Parish Center
8:00 PM - Pre-School Teachers Meeting, Rm. 1, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, January 10
7:00 PM - Adult Choir, Rm. 9, Parish Center

THURSDAY, January 11
7:00 PM - Teen Center Activities

FRIDAY, January 12
7:30 PM - Baptismal Preparation, Parish Library

SATURDAY, January 13
10:00 AM - Youth Choir, Rm. 9, Parish Center

PARENTS: YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO GIVE

If you have listened to the religious education staff at all recently, you have heard them using a new label for an old role. Today you are the "primary religious educators" of your children.

If you have reflected on that label you have probably wondered what it means and even questioned if it's really your thing. After all, if you're not a teacher, what do you do?

Where once we "knew" with certainty, we're not so sure now what we "know." The Baltimore Catechism had the answers; now it's difficult to find the answer anywhere.

And so at a time when Catholic parents have a renewed understanding of responsibility thrust upon them, many find themselves in a crisis of confidence in their own ability to educate their children in the faith.

However, as Christians we believe we live in a redeemed world, albeit an imperfect one. We know that God the Father is a loving, forgiving, sustaining God because Jesus has revealed this to us. We know that life is special even if at times we have to struggle to believe the good news about our personal lives and those of our fellow men. Indeed, Faith is a personal struggle for each with his own, "I believe."

Nevertheless if we really believe that Jesus is here, then the greatest service we can render our children is to show them how to find God in contemporary places, persons, and events. This may not be the way we learned to find God but it is the orientation of today's child. "People, happenings, feeling, the present moment," says Ceila G. Scully.

There is no Christian answering service. The Bible gives us principles and attitudes. Jesus gives us life.

It is up to us now to assume a stance which becomes the changing role of today's teacher. The knowledge explosion has made it impossible for a teacher to have all the answers. Instead today's educator needs to be a master learner. He or she needs to know how to learn, how to help others learn, how to look for meanings and values, and how to express themselves and facilitate this in others.

While parents may not be professional educators they can work toward being expert learners. Scully suggests that some of the following are ways to be that.

Parents can gain awareness that the love, acceptance, forgiveness, and sharing which form the atmosphere of their home are signs of the God about which the child hears.

An environment characterized by love and honesty (this does not preclude conflict) helps a child to know Christ in freedom and gives him a basis on which to accept or reject him.

While we pass on the cultural, historical, theological heritage of Catholicism, we can't pass on our own faith commitment. Instead, we need to structure room for spiritual growth in our family.

If parents are asking themselves "who is Christ for us today" then children will be affected. If parents stop wishing for "time to devote to religion" and realize that religion and our lives as Christians are one, then they will begin to take advantage of whatever helps us to understand people, cultures, needs, and change.

When parents are willing to join with other parents and become a community of believers, sharing ideas, searching for the meaning in the words, "I believe," then their role as primary religious educators will be realized and they will come to know how very much they have not only to receive but to give.

Sister Anne Heath

*The title of this article is also the title of a paperback book edited by Marie McIntyre. It contains insightful articles in the areas of relationships, religious education, and special concerns in the home. It is available on the book rack in the rear of our church.

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NOTE: There will be an informal discussion in the Religious Center on Thursday, January 11th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Basis for the discussion is the text: THEOLOGY FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS - available upon request at the Center. Why not come over for an hour of religion education chat?

LADIES

Don't forget that NEXT SUNDAY we have our January bake sale. Please mark your calendars now so that there will be delicious baked goods after all Masses.

JANUARY

SECOND SUNDAY PARISH DINNER

held Sunday, Jan. 14th

1:30 - 4:30

Parish Hall - $2.00

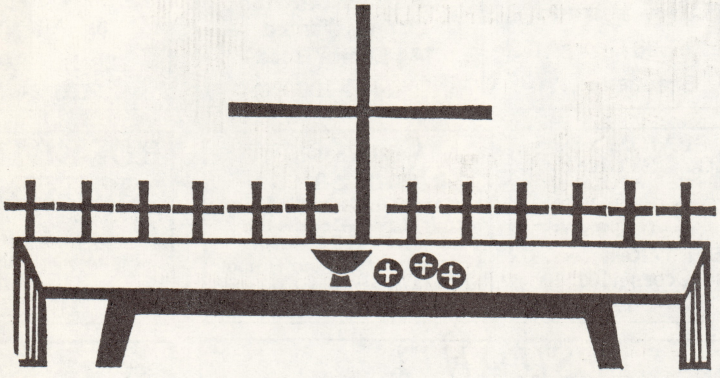
under 12 - $1.00

PLAN ON COMING & BEING WITH FRIENDS

The Gospel

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all of the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judea, are by no means least among the princes of Judah, since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me so that I may go and offer him homage too." After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Matthew 2, 1-12



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 8, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Anastasia Oleson, req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Hay

TUESDAY, January 9, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Nancy Grabowski, req. by Mrs. Leonard Conard

THURSDAY, January 11, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Margaret Dignan, req. by Mrs. F. L. Blaha

FRIDAY, January 12, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Mrs. Helen Lesniewicz, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bensinger

SATURDAY, January 13, 1973 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. - deceased members of Arbanas Family, req. by Henry & Ann Arkison
5:00 p.m. - Winnie Hood, req. by Nola & Deak Hanes

SUNDAY, January 14, 1973
7:00 a.m. - Joseph Fortunato, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fortunato
9:00 a.m. - Special Intention of John Iwaniec
11:00 a.m. - Robert Murphy, req. by the Calianno Family
12:30 p.m. - Intention of Celebrant

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COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 13, 1973
5:00 PM . . . . . Ted Birdsall
SUNDAY, January 14, 1973
7:00 AM . . . . . .Dick Wagner
9:00 AM . . . . . .Phil Stokes
11:00 AM . . . . . Don Racine

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 13, 1973
5:00 PM . . . . . .James Baker
SUNDAY, January 14, 1973
7:00 AM . . . . . Lee Sanford
9:00 AM . . . . . .Vera Clyne
11:00 AM . . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14, 1973
9:00 a.m. - Debbie Gillman & Kris Konz
11:00 a.m. - Robin & Rene Ouellette & Lynne Mentley

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of Jan. 8, 1973

Weekday Masses . . . . . 7:00 a.m.
Sat. Morning Mass . . . . . 9:00 a.m.
Team I - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Jerry Sullivan & Ronald Bureau
Team II - Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Joe Slater & Chuck Gannon

SATURDAY, January 13, 1973
5:00 p.m. - Tim Buschell & Matt Koch
SUNDAY, January 14, 1973
7:00 a.m. - John & Jim Pryce
9:00 a.m. - Mike & Frank Williams
11:00 a.m. - Rob & Jim Eberts
12:30 p.m. - Kevin & Mark Courtois
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SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY LITURGY
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday
BAPTISMS
At 12:30 p.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.
MARIAN DEVOTIONS
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